AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 8 and beginning on line 4 with the following paragraph:

In particular, a MeetingDiscussion interface 250 provides an interface for capturing product requirements, design representations, product ideas, design alternatives, design constraints, design notes, design intents, and questions, decisions, and answers relating to any of the design issues presented. The methods by which the product design development information is captured is via the respective interfaces ProductRequirement 270, Design Representation 271, ProductIdea 272, DesignAlternative 273, DesignConstraint 274, DesignNote 275, DesignIntent 276, Question 277, Decision 278, and Answer 279. These interfaces are the portal into the Innovation Information Management (IIM) object model 10e (FIG. 1), which models the information developed during the exploration of solutions to a product idea, and the Decision Tracking object model 10d (FIG. 1) which models the information used in the process of making design decisions. FIG. 4 is a UML diagram of the IIM object model 10e used in the illustrative embodiment of the invention, which is described in more detail in copending application Serial No. ~~UNKNOWN~~ 09/680,751, entitled "Innovation Information Management Model" of the same inventor, and is incorporated by reference herein for all that it teaches. In particular, respective interfaces ProductRequirement 270, Design Representation 271, ProductIdea 272, DesignAlternative 273, DesignConstraint 274, DesignNote 275, DesignIntent 276 encapsulate design information in separate objects, including Product Idea objects, Design Alternative objects, Design Constraint objects, Design Note objects, and Design Intent objects.

Please replace the first full paragraph of page 9 that begins on line 12 with the following paragraph:

FIG. 5 is a UML diagram of the Decision Tracking object model 10d (FIG. 1) used in the present invention which models the information used in the process of making design decisions, and is described in more detail in copending application Serial No. ~~UNKNOWN~~ <u>09/680,604</u>, entitled "Object Model For Decision And Issue Tracking" of the same inventor, and is incorporated by reference herein for all that it teaches. In particular, respective interfaces Question 277, Decision 178, and Answer 279 encapsulate design information in separate objects, including Question objects, Decision objects, and Answer objects.